

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Gordon Hendrick, on March 4, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Anders Blewett (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 95, 2/25/2009; SB 102,
2/25/2009; SB 120, 2/25/2009;
SB 201, 2/25/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:12 Vice Chairman Hendrick

HEARING ON SB 201

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:14 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 201, Revise Crow Tribe water compact to allow change in use of escrow account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:38 Chris Tweeten, Chair, Montana Water Rights Coalition
00:09:54 Jennifer Perez Cole, Governors' Office
00:10:23 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, SD 21, Crow Agency
00:11:13 Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman, Crow Tribe, Lead Negotiator of Crow Tribe Water Team

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:46 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 95

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:22 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 95, Temporary nutrient criteria for discharge permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:06 George Mathieus, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT (nah48a01)

00:26:56 Tim Burton, City Manager, Helena
00:33:00 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:35:56 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
00:39:18 Vice Chairman Hendrick
00:39:30 Debbie Shea, Montana Mining Association
00:42:07 Brian Sugden, Hydrologist, Plum Creek Timber Company
00:45:23 Tom MacDonald, City of Missoula
00:45:52 Bill Thompson, Senior Science Manager, Hydrometrics

00:48:41 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition

00:50:57 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:31 Rep. Miller

00:52:50 Ms. Randall

00:53:08 Rep. Miller

00:53:25 Ms. Randall

00:53:34 Rep. Dickenson

00:54:09 Mr. Mathieus

00:58:09 Rep. Dickenson

00:58:27 Mr. Mathieus

00:59:42 Rep. Dickenson

01:01:19 Mr. Allen

01:03:57 Rep. Mendenhall

01:05:38 Mr. Mathieus

01:08:23 Rep. Mendenhall

01:08:37 Mr. Mathieus

01:08:41 Rep. Mendenhall

01:10:06 Mr. Mathieus

01:12:06 Rep. Mendenhall

01:12:39 Mr. Mathieus

01:13:47 Rep. Hoven

01:14:26 Mr. Mathieus

01:15:11 Rep. Hoven

01:15:35 Mr. Mathieus

01:16:05 Rep. Hoven

01:16:12 Mr. Mathieus

01:17:31 Rep. Reinhart

01:17:44 Mr. Mathieus

01:18:42 Rep. Reinhart

01:18:43 Mr. Mathieus

01:18:45 Rep. Cohenour

01:19:26 Mr. Mathieus

01:21:44 Rep. Cohenour

01:21:54 Mr. Mathieus

01:22:06 Vice Chairman Hendrick

01:22:48 Mr. Mathieus

01:24:38 Rep. Warburton

01:24:58 Mr. Mathieus

01:25:10 Rep. Warburton

01:25:35 Dr. Michael Suplee, DEQ

01:28:08 Rep. Warburton

01:28:35 Sen. Brueggeman

01:30:08 Vice Chairman Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:12 Sen. Brueggeman
01:30:47 Vice Chairman Hendrick

HEARING ON SB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:05 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 102, Revise public water supply laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:18 Shelley Nolan, Water Supply Bureau, DEQ
[EXHIBIT \(nah48a02\)](#)
01:38:27 Donna Jensen, Contract Employee, DEQ
[EXHIBIT \(nah48a03\)](#)
01:40:06 Marty Hovan, Manager, Water Treatment, Butte-Silver Bow

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:58 Rep. Dickenson
01:42:25 Ms. Jensen
01:43:09 Rep. Dickenson
01:43:18 Rep. Hoven
01:43:48 Ms. Nolan
01:45:12 Rep. Hoven
01:45:28 Ms. Nolan
01:45:37 Rep. Cohenour
01:46:04 Ms. Nolan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:57 Sen. Brueggeman

HEARING ON SB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:47:47 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on
SB 120, Revise the controlled groundwater area petition
laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:51:41 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (nah48a04)

02:01:32 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT (nah48a05)

02:06:11 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agriculture
Irrigators

02:07:37 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

02:08:23 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

02:08:55 Ms. Randall

02:10:17 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:35 Rep. Reinhart

02:12:02 Mr. Tubbs

02:12:35 Rep. Reinhart

02:12:53 Mr. Tubbs

02:14:01 Rep. Reinhart

02:14:11 Mr. Tubbs

02:14:57 Rep. Reinhart

02:15:08 Mr. Tubbs

02:15:44 Rep. Reinhart

02:16:18 Ms. Evans

02:16:57 Mr. Tubbs

02:17:09 Vice Chairman Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:20 Sen. Zinke

02:19:36 Vice Chairman Milburn

ADJOURNMENT

02:20:03 Adjournment: 5:25 P.M.

Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nah48aad.pdf](#))